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In re Application of:)
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Application No.: Not Yet Assigned) : Group Art Unit: 1642
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For: HUMAN GELECTIN-9-LIKE) :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application
as follows:

a.) Introductory Comments

The present amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Revised Format established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as permitted in the Pre-OG Notice entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted", a copy of which is attached.